

News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth

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STATEMENT FROM REP. HERSETH ON PHASE II AMENDMENT

November 1, 2005, Washington, D.C. - Yesterday, the U.S. Forest Service released its Phase II Amendment for the Black Hills National Forest. Representative Stephanie Herseth released the following statement:

“Periodically revising the forest plan is an essential part of managing any national forest. After so many years of work, I am pleased to see the release of the Phase II Amendment and I am encouraged by its content.

“The forest plan includes important management initiatives to promote species viability, reduce the risk of fire, and establish four research areas throughout the forest. No two forests are alike, and this amendment takes many positive steps in recognizing and appreciating the specific needs of the Black Hills National Forest.”

Herseth serves on the House Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over national forest land.

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of

Representatives. She is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats committed to fiscal discipline and strong national security, and is co-chair of the Rural Working Group, which is dedicated to raising the profile of issues important to rural America. She also serves on three committees vital to South Dakota's interests: Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Resources.